

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting
Lovonya DeJean Middle School
3400 Macdonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94805

March 26, 2014

A. CLOSED SESSION

B. OPENING PROCEDURES

Clerk Groves called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. The Board recessed into Closed Session. Clerk Groves called the Public Session to order at 6:33 P.M.

B.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk Groves led the pledge of allegiance.

B.2 Welcome and Meeting Procedures

Due to the absence of President Ramsey, Clerk Groves offered welcome and instructions to the public regarding the meeting. Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent Adult Schools; Bruce Harter, Superintendent; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Tasha Herrera, Electronics Technician; Keith Holtzlander, Director Facilities & Construction; Nicole Joyner, Director Data and Accountability; Tashaka Merriweather, School to Health Coordinator; Mary Phillips, Chief Technology Officer; Potter, Director Categorical & Instructional Support Services; Nia Rashidchi, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Touriel, Translator; Marin Trujillo, Coordinator Community Engagement; Ken Whittemore, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources; Darrin Zaragoza, Athletics Coordinator

B.4 Presentation of Student Board Representative from the Youth Commission

Ms. LaVonia Bobo provided a report of activities for the Youth Commission

B.5 Report/Ratification of Closed Session

Superintendent Harter asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session to approve the following:

Four Administrative Appointments including:

Summer School Principals for Special Education Services: Alison Makela and Eric Peterson

Director Business Services: Regina Webber

Director Data and Accountability: Nicole Joyner

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of action taken in Closed Session to appoint administrators Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, and Clerk Groves voted yes with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

Superintendent Harter also asked the Board to ratify action taken in Closed Session approving placement of a certificated staff member on unpaid administrative leave.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of action taken in Closed Session to approve placement of a certificated teacher on administrative leave. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, and Clerk Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

B.6 Agenda Review and Adoption

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the agenda. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative LaVonia Bobo (advisory vote only), and Clerk Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

B.7 Minutes: March 12, 2014

MOTION: Ms. Merriweather moved approval of the Minutes of March 12, 2014. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative LaVonia Bobo (advisory vote only), and Clerk Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-0-1.

B.8 WCCUSD Public Comment
Mary Flanagan

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C.1 Grants/Awards/Agreements

C.2 Acceptance of Donations

C.3 Approval of Fund-Raising Activities

C.4 Contracted Services

C.5 Notice of Completion: Bid J068194 DeAnza High School Replacement Campus

C.6 Routine Personnel Changes Classified

C.7 Ratification and Approval of Engineering Services Contracts

C.8 Ratification and Approval of Negotiated Change Orders

C.9 Annual Financial Audit of District Bond Program

C.10 Annual Proposition 39 Performance Audit of District Bond Program

C.11 Ratification of Staff Awarded Contract: Pinole Valley High School Interim Campus Site Work Project

C.12 Richmond Swim Center Award of Contract

Superintendent Harter read an amendment to this item into the record including information about the public bid process held on March 25, 2014. *The District conducted a public bid process for the project. Bids were opened on March 25, 2014. Three contractors submitted bids. Total bids are as follows: ARNTZ Builders, Inc. \$7,652,876; Midstate Construction \$7,988,093; Gonsalves & Stronck Construction Company \$8,123,900. The Total Bid Price includes Base Bid plus alternates and unit pricing. The apparent lowest responsive, responsible bidder is ARNTZ Builders, Inc.*

C.13 Proposition 39 Final Offers of Space to Caliber Beta Academy and Richmond Charter Academy Middle School

C.14 Hosted VoIP to standardize and upgrade communication systems for all District sites ("Project")
Public Comment:
Rhonda Lutz

C.15 Assessment System for Common Core State Standards

C.16 High School Physical Education Exemption Process and Physical Fitness Testing
This item was pulled from the Consent Items for separate action.

C.17 Approval of Physical Education Course Offerings for grades 9 through 12

C.18 Resolution No. 681314- Day of Recognition for César Chávez March 31, 2014

C.19 Board Approval of Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs) and Title I Parental Involvement Policies
Public Comment:
Georgio Cosentino

C.20 Approval of District Local Control Accountability Plan Parent Committee Nominees
Superintendent Harter read an amendment to this item into the record adding the name of Alma Gomez to the Local Control Accountability Committee as the representative of the Concilio Latino.

President Ramsey arrived and assumed the gavel.

MOTION: Mr. Groves moved Approval of Consent Items C. 1 - C.15, C.17 - C.20. Ms. Kronenberg seconded. Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative LaVonia Bobo (advisory vote only), and President Ramsey voted yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 4-0-0-0.

D. AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND REPORTS

D.1 Recognition of Schools Selected by California Business Education Excellence for Prestigious Honor Roll
Mr. Greer led the recognition of six schools that have received commendations from the California Business Schools Excellence Honor Roll. The recognitions were in two categories. School award winners have shown significant populations of socioeconomic disadvantaged students showing significant increases in grade level proficiencies over time. Scholar Schools have shown significant academic achievement over time but do not have a significant number of socioeconomically disadvantaged students. They share common factors for high performing schools. Mr. Greer presented the following schools for recognition and awards.

Star Schools Olinda Elementary, Montalvin Elementary, Middle College
Scholar Schools– Hanna Ranch Elementary, Kensington Elementary, Madera Elementary

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
Ms. Merriweather spoke for the entire Board in commending the schools for these honors. She remarked on the job as role models portrayed by the teachers and principals.

D.2 Recognition of Ms. Rader (P-17)
Mr. Tashaka Merriweather provided background of Ms. Rader and her recognition as recipient of the 2014 School Health Champion award by the California School Based Health Alliance. Ms. Rader thanked the Board for their commendation and recognized her colleagues at the District high school health centers who also advocate for improving school climate.

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guidelines allowing exemptions. This is an effort to streamline for compliance purposes tracking and monitoring of students for PE testing and exemption. Mr. David Perry Physical Education chairperson and athletic director at Kennedy High School was available to respond to questions.

Public Comment
None

Board Comment:
Mr. Enos asked that the Board be provided with any updates and changes.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the High School Physical Education Exemption Process and Physical Fitness Testing. Mr. Enos seconded. Mr. Enos, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, Student Representative LaVonia Bobo (advisory vote only), and Clerk Groves voted yes, with no abstentions and President Ramsey absent. Motion carried 4-0-1.

E.2 Superintendent's Report
Superintendent Harter provided a report of activities in the District.

F. ACTION ITEMS

F.1 Board Policy Revisions BP 4111, BP 4211, BP 4311
This item moved to follow item D.2.

President Ramsey returned and resumed the gavel.

F.2 Second Interim Report, 2013/14 / Financial Update
Ms. Gamba provided a financial report for the period closing July 31, 2014. The Second Interim Report for 2013-14 contained updated information for all funds. She capped revenue growth, use of ending fund balances and balance for the reserve.

Student Representative LaVonia Bobo left the meeting for the evening.

Public Comment:
Pat Miles

Board Comment:
President Ramsey had specific questions about class size reduction and school resource officers for Pinole and San Pablo. Discussion included increasing the reserve funds to six (6) percent with Ms. Merriweather expressing concern.

MOTION: Mr. Enos moved approval of the Second Interim Report and budget development to increase reserves to six (6) percent.

MOTION: Ms. Kronenberg moved approval of the WCCUSD Technology Plan 2014-2017. Mr. Enos seconded. Roll call vote with Mr. Enos, Mr. Groves, Ms. Merriweather, Ms. Kronenberg, and President Ramsey voting yes, with no abstentions and no absences. Motion carried 6-0-0.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- G.1 Strategic Plan / Local Control Accountability Plan Update
Superintendent Harter presented an update to the Strategic Plan and the Local Control Accountability Plan. He recapped the outline of the District direction and estimates to enable the Board to consider options of staffing and extracurricular programs for upcoming years.

Public Comment:
None

Board Comment:
Mr. Enos remarked on the amount of material to review and process.

Ms. Kronenberg had questions about whole school intervention. Superintendent Harter detailed key elements of a longer school day and longer school year while providing the kind of counseling and psychological services for students. He spoke of the positive outcomes of these for students at Helms Middle School and DeAnza High School. The key is to use the additional time to engage students so they are excited about going to school.

Ms. Merriweather asked about the Kennedy Education Lab funding. Superintendent Harter responded about the grant

- J. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Lovonya DeJean Middle School April 23, 2014
- K. ADJOURNMENT
President Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 10:24 PM.

Motion vote count order: Yes-No-Abstain-Absent

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